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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
455 12th Street NW
Washington, DC 20544

Re: MB Docket 05-0311

Dear Chairman Pai:

I write regarding the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05-0311.

I am concerned that the FCC's current proposal could jeopardize critical funding for public, educational, and governmental (PEG) stations. As you know, the PEG provisions of the 1984 Cable Act were intended to enhance local voices, serve local community needs and interests, and strengthen our local democracy. This is exactly what PEG stations in the Bronx and Westchester achieve – they enable my constituents to watch and create uniquely local programming about their communities, and learn more about local events and issues of interest to them.

While the Commission considers this docket, I encourage you to avoid actions that could threaten the sustainability of PEG stations or their ability to provide meaningful and important content to local communities.

Sincerely yours,

Eliot L. Engel
Member of Congress